



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

PETER AR-FU LAM

Examiner: Dorvil R.

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

In response to the final office action of application 09/169,462 dated 06/30/99 and the subsequent telephone interview dated 08/03/99, applicant respectfully submitted a continuation-in-part FWC application, please reconsider the allowance of the application in accordance to the remark and supplemental information submitted as follows:

REMARK:

Claims 1-88 of the parent application 09/169,462 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as non-statutory subject matter. As indicated in the final office action dated 06/30/99, the examiner agrees the subject application is a method of programming a computing device, that is a practical application within the technological arts. However, it does not disclose specific hardware, specific software, or a combination therefore for performing the claimed function; and the claims, each as a whole, are directed to a abstract idea that is not applied to or limited by other physical elements or process steps.

During the telephone interview dated August 3, 1999, the applicant and examiner reaches an agreement that if a physical transformation, or the pre-computer and post-

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